

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Previously Presented) An electrical component comprising:

a substrate;

a first electrode layer;

a growth layer that is structured and that is thinner than the first electrode layer;

a piezoelectric layer; and

a second electrode layer,

wherein the growth layer is on the first electrode layer, the growth layer is structured relative to the first electrode layer, and the growth layer has a smaller surface area than the first electrode layer.

3. (Previously Presented) An electrical component comprising:

a substrate;

a first electrode layer;

a growth layer that is structured and that is thinner than the first electrode layer;

a piezoelectric layer; and

a second electrode layer,
wherein the piezoelectric layer (i) substantially covers the growth layer and (ii) overlaps the growth layer along a perimeter of the growth layer, thereby causing the piezoelectric layer and the first electrode layer to substantially enclose the growth layer.

4. (Previously Presented) The electrical component of claim 8, wherein the growth layer supports ordered growth relative to the piezoelectric layer.

5. (Previously Presented) The electrical component of claim 8, wherein the growth layer comprises at least one of the following: Au, Mo, W, Pt, Si₃N₄, sapphire, spinel, Si, Ba₃TiO₃, ZrO₂, MgO, and TiO₂.

6. (Previously Presented) The electrical component of claim 8, wherein the piezoelectric layer comprises at least one of AlN and ZnO.

7. (Previously Presented) The electrical component of claim 2, wherein the first electrode layer comprises multiple layers, the multiple layers comprising a titanium layer and another layer that is not titanium.

8. (Previously Presented) An electrical component comprising:
a substrate;

a first electrode layer;
a growth layer that is structured and that is thinner than the first electrode layer;
a piezoelectric layer;
a second electrode layer; and
an acoustic mirror between the substrate and the first electrode layer.

9. (Previously Presented) An electrical component comprising:

a substrate;
a first electrode layer;
a growth layer that is structured and that is thinner than the first electrode layer;
a piezoelectric layer;
a second electrode layer;
a multilayer structure comprising a plurality of piezoelectric layers; and
an additional electrode layer and an additional growth layer between pairs of the plurality of piezoelectric layers.

10. (Previously Presented) A piezoelectric actuator comprising the electrical component of claim 9.

11. (Previously Presented) A bulk acoustic wave resonator comprising:
the electrical component of claim 8.

12-15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously Presented) The electrical component of claim 2, wherein the piezoelectric layer (i) substantially covers the growth layer and (ii) overlaps the growth layer along a perimeter of the growth layer, thereby causing the piezoelectric layer and the first electrode layer to substantially enclose the growth layer.

17. (Previously Presented) The electrical component of claim 2, wherein the growth layer supports ordered growth relative to the piezoelectric layer.

18. (Previously Presented) The electrical component of claim 2, wherein the growth layer comprises at least one of the following: Au, Mo, W, Pt, Si₃N₄, sapphire, spinel, Si, Ba₃TiO₃, ZrO₂, MgO, and TiO₂.

19. (Previously presented) The electrical component of claim 2, wherein the piezoelectric layer comprises at least one of AlN and ZnO.

20. (Previously Presented) The electrical component of claim 2, wherein the first electrode layer comprises multiple layers, the multiple layers comprising a titanium layer and another layer that is not titanium.

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21. (Previously Presented) The electrical component of claim 8, wherein the first electrode layer comprises multiple layers, the multiple layers comprising a titanium layer and another layer that is not titanium.